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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH YUGOSLAV MISOFF ABOUT UN ISSUES,

GP OF 77, COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) SUMMIT

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1. DURING LUNCH WITH YUGOSLAV MISOFF KAPETANOVIC, MISOFF BROUGHT UP RUMORED YUGOSVAL SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND ISRAEL AT UNGA IN FALL. KAPETANOVIC REACTED VERY EMOTIONALLY, ALMOST VIOLENTLY, ANB EGAN A TEN-MINUTE MONOLOGUE EXPLAINING WHY THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE WOULD NEVER WAVER FROM SUPPORING THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST BY SAYING THAT "YOGUSLAV JEWS FOUGHT AS PARTISANS AGAINST THE GERMANS IN WW II*-. HE SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA ONLY RELUCTANTLY SUPPORTED THE ZIONISM IS RACISM RESOLUTION AT THE 30TH UNGA BUT THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAD TO CONSIDER ITS RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES.

2. KAPETANOVIC SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL TO SET UP GP OF 77

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SECRETARIAT HAD BEEN FLOATED FIVE MONTHS AGO BY THE PHILIPPINES,

LITTLE HAD BEEN HEARD ABOUT IT SINCE. YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT SUPPORT SUCH A SECRETARIAT AND WOULD QUIETLY LOBBY AGAINST IT; BUT IF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF GP OF 77 STATES WANTED IT, YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF ITS CREATION. YUGOSLAVIA EXPECTS TO SEE CREATION OF SMALL "TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT" TO HANDLE FLOW OF PAPERWORK, BUT FEELS THAT GP OF 77 SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH EXISTING UN BODIES.

3. KAPETANOVIC SAID THAT EMERGING POSITION PAPERS FOR COLOMBO NAM CONFERENCE WERE MODERATE IN TONE AND AVOIDED EXAGGERATIONS AND INFLAMMATORY TERMS SUCH AS "ZIONIST RACIST STATE" IN REFERENCE TO ISRAEL. THESE PAPERS WILL BE APPROVED AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL IN NEW YORK BEFORE THEIR PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ALGIERS AT END OF MAY.

4. IN DISCUSSING US-NON-ALIGNED RELATIONS IN GENERAL, KAPETANOVIC BROUGHT UP ASSISTANT SECRETARY/IO LEWIS' MARCH 18 STATEMENT BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT HIS MISSION FELT THAT STATEMENT WAS VERY POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC. HE SPECIFICALLY COMMENDED SECTION SETTING FORTH POINT OF VIEW OF 100 NATIONS NEW TO UN. SCRANTON

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